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## **Dentistry — Coupling dimensions for handpiece connectors**

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## ISO 3964:2016(E)

### Foreword

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This third edition cancels and replaces the second edition (ISO 3964:1982), which has been technically revised with the following changes:

- a) addition of definitions for “coupling dimension” and “coupling systems”;
- b) addition of four types for “classification”;
- c) additional types of coupling systems:
  - with and without light supply;
  - with internal and external supply of air and water (spray);
- d) improved technical drawings.

# Dentistry — Coupling dimensions for handpiece connectors

## 1 Scope

This International Standard specifies the coupling between handpieces and motors connected to dental units.

This International Standard specifies the nominal dimensions, tolerances and the extraction force of coupling systems for use between handpiece and motor which supply the handpiece with water, air and light and rotation energy.

## 2 Normative references

The following documents, in whole or in part, are normatively referenced in this document and are indispensable for its application. For dated references, only the edition cited applies. For undated references, the latest edition of the referenced document (including any amendments) applies.

ISO 1942, *Dentistry — Vocabulary*

ISO 2768-1, *General tolerances — Part 1: Tolerances for linear and angular dimensions without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 2768-2, *General tolerances — Part 2: Geometrical tolerances for features without individual tolerance indications*

ISO 14457, *Dentistry — Handpieces and motors*

## 3 Terms and definitions

For the purposes of this document, the terms and definitions given in ISO 1942, ISO 14457 and the following apply.

### 3.1

#### **coupling dimension**

description of the dimensions of connectors between air- and electrical motors and straight and angled handpieces, used to connect and supply the handpiece system

### 3.2

#### **coupling system**

combination of connector parts between air- and electrical motors and straight and angled handpieces, used to connect and supply the handpiece system

## 4 Classification

For the purpose of this International Standard, coupling systems are classified into the following types:

- Type 1: coupling system for straight and angle handpieces and motors without internal spray supply and without light supply;
- Type 2: coupling system for straight and angle handpieces and motors with internal spray supply and without light supply;

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